



## District of Columbia Sentencing Commission

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### MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING

July 20, 2021

One Judiciary Square, Suite 430S, Washington, DC 20001

#### **Voting Members in Attendance:**

Milton Lee  
Juliet McKenna  
Danya Dyson  
Cedric Hendricks  
Molly Gill  
Julie Samuels

William” Billy” Martin  
Dave Rosenthal  
Katerina Semyonova  
Renata Cooper  
Frederick Cooke

#### **Non-Voting Members in Attendance:**

Diane Strote for Sonya Thompson  
Leslie Parsons

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Barbara Tombs-Souvey  
Mia Hebb

Taylor Tarnalicki  
Brittany Bunch

Mehmet Ergun

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Review and Approval of the Minutes from the June 22, 2021 – Action Item, Judge Lee. Minutes approved without objection.**

#### **Continued Discussion on Commission’s Response to the Impact of Covid-19 on Sentencing– Action Item, Judge Lee, and Guideline Implementation Subcommittee**

Judge Lee continued the discussion related to Commission’s Response to the Impact of Covid-19 on Sentencing - Potential New Mitigating Departure Factor. These discussions centered on how the Guidelines could potentially respond to unprecedented and emergency situations, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a direct impact on court operations and sentencing proceedings. Judge Lee turned the floor over to the Guideline Implementation Sub-Committee for further discussion and recommendations. There was a lengthy discussion among the Sub-Committee and the Commission members. The Sub-Committee was able to reach an agreement on the proposed language regarding the new Mitigating Departure factor.

**Commission Vote:** The Commission members unanimously voted in favor of the addition of Proposed Mitigating Departure when the court invokes DC Code 11-947.

**Lapse and Revival Refresher – Informational Item, Barbara Tombs-Souvey**

The Lapse and Revival Refresher will be placed on hold and presented at the next Commission Meeting.

**Continued Discussion of the Lapse and Revival Provision – Discussion Item, Judge Lee, Chairman**

Continued Discussion of the Lapse and Revival Provision: Judge Lee briefly gave an overview of the Continued Discussion of the Lapse and Revival Provision that the Commission will discuss and undertake at the September Commission meeting.

Judge Lee informed the Commission members that the virtual Commission meeting for August is cancelled and the next Commission meeting will be held on September 21, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27pm.

NEXT MEETING:  
September 21, 2021  
Via ZOOM